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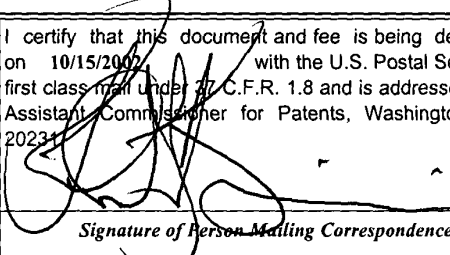
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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REMARKS

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on September 24, 2002. The Office Action requires Applicants to elect a single invention to which the claims allegedly must be restricted. In this regard, Applicants are to elect between nine apparent groups of alleged invention.

Applicants do not believe this restriction requirement is proper either as a matter of fact or law. The restriction requirement does not appear to be between specific claims, rather parts of the claims.

Indeed, the Patent Office has not stated which claims relate to which group of invention; for example, Claim 4 is not even mentioned in the Office Action. Thus, Applicants do not believe the requirement is proper and therefore Applicants respectfully request that it be withdrawn.